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HORMONE REPLACEMENT**
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AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 13 with the following
rewritten paragraph:

~~--A method is disclosed to replenish the age-related decline in human growth~~
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hormone (hGH) in adults by administering an individualized dosing regime of hGH in the
absence of any other bioactive compounds. In the method, the individual initially receives
incrementally increasing doses of hGH (inductive dose), while undergoing physiological